



# *City of New Bedford*

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September 10, 1993

**Mr. Paul G. Keough  
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United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 1  
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Superfund  
SITE: New Bedford  
BREAK: 10.12  
OTHER: 221321

**RE: New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site Request for Access**

**Dear Mr. Keough:**

This is to acknowledge your letters of September 1, 1993 and September 3, 1993 regarding access to City property that is necessary to conduct your response action at the New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site.

As I have advised you, the actions for which you request reconsideration were the result of votes taken by the New Bedford City Council. I understand the New Bedford City Council has responded to you by separate correspondence and will deliberate further on the issues raised by your letters.

I am mindful of the responsibility of the City and the authority existing under Federal law for your agency to conduct necessary response action for the protection of public health and the environment. I am hopeful the issues raised by you may be resolved without resorting to litigation and other enforcement action. However, you recognize that as the Chief Executive Officer, my ability to comply with your request is limited under a Plan B form of government.

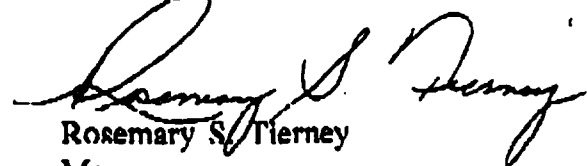
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I am prepared to cooperate with all parties in the interest of completing this project without resorting to an adversarial proceeding. I remain available to discuss these issues further with you or other representatives of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Very truly yours,

  
Rosemary S. Tierney  
Mayor

RST/lm

cc: Arthur J. Caron, Jr., First Asst. City Solicitor  
Frederick M. Kalisz, City Council President